

# Rules of the Auckland Cricket Umpires & Scorers Association

## 1. Name

- 1.1 The name of Association shall be "The Auckland Cricket Umpires & Scorers Association". (ACUSA).
- 1.2 Other acronyms:
  - a) Auckland Cricket Association (ACA)
  - b) New Zealand Cricket (NZC)
  - c) New Zealand Cricket Umpires & Scorers Association (NZCUSA)
  - d) Regional Training Officer (RTO)
  - e) Scorers Training Officer (STO)
  - f) Annual General meeting (AGM)

## 2. Objectives

- 2.1 The objectives of the ACUSA shall be:-
  - a) To be responsible for the recruitment, training and provision of umpires *and scorers*.
  - b) To assist the ACA in enforcing, upholding and maintaining a uniform interpretation of the Laws of Cricket together with any additional or amended Laws, Rules or By-Laws that may from time to time be adopted by the ACA.
  - c) To assist and liaise with the ACA, NZCUSA and NZC in matters relating to the recruitment, training and advancement of umpires and scorers.

## 3. Office Bearers

- 3.1 The Officers
  - a) The Officers of the ACUSA shall be:-
    - i. President
    - ii. Vice-President
    - iii. Secretary and /or
    - iv. Treasurer

- b) Appointments (iii) and (iv) may be held conjointly.
- 3.2 All nominations for office bearers of the ACUSA shall be made in writing to the Secretary 4 weeks in advance of the AGM and the Secretary to circulate all nominations to the Membership not less than 2 weeks prior to the AGM. For the avoidance of all doubt, e-mails are an acceptable form of written communication for this purpose.
- 3.3 A Vice-President shall be elected by the Executive as required.
- 3.4 When ballots are required, a Returning Officer and two (2) Scrutineers shall be appointed.
- 3.5 An extraordinary vacancy as Officer Bearer of the ACUSA or as a member of any Committee of the ACUSA shall be filled at the next ordinary meeting of the ACUSA held thereafter.

#### 4. Annual Meeting

- 4.1 The AGM of the ACUSA shall be held not later than the last Saturday in the month of May each year. The regular business of the AGM shall be:-
  - a) To receive the annual reports from the President, Grading and Assessment Committee, the RTO and the STO.
  - b) To elect Office Bearers.
  - c) To elect the Executive Committee which shall consist of not less than 4 members and the Office Bearers with at least one member of the Executive Committee being an Umpire and at least one being a Scorer.
  - d) To elect a Patron.

#### 5. Ordinary Meetings

- 5.1 Ordinary meetings of the ACUSA shall be held from time to time.
- 5.2 Ordinary meetings shall be at a time and place as notified from time to time by the Secretary/Treasurer of the ACUSA.
- 5.3 There shall be no limit on the number of ordinary meetings to be held by the ACUSA but there shall be not less than three ordinary meetings during the period commencing on the first day of September in one year and concluding on 30 April in the following year.

#### 6. RTO, STO and Grading and Assessment Committee

- 6.1 The RTO and STO shall each be appointed by the Executive Committee and notified to ACA, NZCUSA and NZC, as necessary, by 30<sup>th</sup> April for the following season. The Executive Committee shall liaise with ACA, NZCUSA and NZC regarding these appointments.

- 6.2 The RTO and STO shall each submit for approval by the Executive Committee, a training plan for the coming season by the end of August each Year. The Executive Committee to liaise with ACA, NZCUSC and NZC, as necessary, regarding these plans.
- 6.3 The RTO and STO shall be ex officio members of the Executive Committee and the RTO shall be ex officio member of the Grading and Assessment Committee.
- 6.4 The Grading and Assessment Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee prior to 30 September each year and shall consist of:
- a) A minimum of four members who are retired umpires or have a good knowledge of cricket umpiring and
  - b) The RTO, who shall be ex officio.
- 6.5 At the first meeting of the G & A following appointment, the members shall elect a chairman who will liaise with the ACUSA and ACA. The Chairman will provide an annual report for the AGM.

## 7. Special Meetings

- 7.1 Special meetings of the ACUSA shall be convened:-
- a) On a requisition signed by not less than 5 members, or
  - b) By the Executive Committee, or
  - c) At the request of the ACA.
  - d) Such meetings shall be called on such dates as will allow at least 7 days' written notice to be given. The business for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice.

## 8. Chairperson

- 8.1 The president shall chair all meetings at which he or she is in attendance. Should the President not be present at any meeting of the ACUSA, the elected Vice-President or a member of the Executive will chair the meeting.

## 9. Quorum

- 9.1 A quorum at any Special Meeting shall be not less than 50% of all financial members.
- 9.2 A quorum at the AGM of the ACUSA shall be not less than one-third of all financial members.
- 9.3 A quorum at any Ordinary Meeting of the ACUSA shall be not less than ten (10) financial members.

## 10. Proceedings

- 10.1 The Chairperson shall have power to decide on every point of order. In cases of doubt or difficulty, a vote shall be taken (either orally or on a show of hands or by ballot or otherwise).
- 10.2 The Chairperson shall have the right to vote on any motion. If voting is equal, the motion is not passed.

## 11. Executive Committee

- 11.1 The Executive Committee shall meet at such times and places as may be determined: 4 members to form a quorum.

## 12. New Members

- 12.1 The name of any person desirous of becoming a member of the ACUSA shall be submitted to the Secretary on a requisite application form together with their subscription.
- 12.2 Any person seeking membership of the ACUSA shall satisfy the ACUSA of his or her suitability.
- 12.3 No new member shall be appointed to matches until he or she has satisfied the Executive Committee as to his or her competence.

## 13. Life Members

- 13.1 The ACUSA may, by a vote supported by not less than 75% of the financial members, elect to life membership any member whose services to the ACUSA are deemed to have warranted this honour.
- 13.2 Such Life Members shall receive a suitable badge and are to be extended the full privileges and benefits of an active member without charge.

## 14. Honorary Members

- 14.1 The ACUSA may, by a vote supported by not less than 75% of the financial members, elect for honorary membership any member whose service to the ACUSA or to the ACA are deemed to have warranted this honour.
- 14.2 Such Honorary Members shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the ACUSA and shall have all privileges and benefits of an active member without charge, save for the ability to vote at any Ordinary, Special or Annual General Meeting.

## 15. Membership

- 15.1 The Executive Committee shall have the power to remove from the register of names of members who:-
- i) Are deceased, or
  - ii) Have resigned ( in writing), or
  - iii) By reason of their conduct or serious misconduct are in the opinion of the Executive Committee no longer desirable as members of the ACUSA.

## 16. Appointment of Umpires & Scorers

- 16.1 The Grading and Assessment Committee is authorised by the Executive Committee to grade umpires commensurate with their ability and to appoint umpires commensurate with their ability, to games under the control of the ACA.
- 16.2 The STO shall appoint scorers, commensurate with their ability, to games under the control of the ACA and NZC as directed by these bodies.
- 16.3 The ACA shall approve all umpiring and scoring appointments for games under its control.
- 16.4 Games under the control of NZC and ACA take precedence over all other tournaments and games.
- 16.5 Selection of umpires and scorers to represent the ACUSA under exchange programmes shall be made by the Executive Committee on the recommendation of the Grading and Assessment Committee and the STO respectively.

## 17. Responsibilities of Umpires & Scorers

- 17.1 Should any member be unable to officiate in a game for which they have been appointed, he or she shall notify the RTO (if an umpire) or STO (if a scorer) as soon as possible.
- 17.2 Should any member fail to act as umpire or scorer when appointed, he or she may be suspended as a member of the ACUSA until he or she furnishes a satisfactory explanation to the Executive Committee.
- 17.3 Should no explanation be received within 28 days of the umpire's or scorer's failure to act, he or she may be dealt with under 15.1(iii).

## 18. Financial

- 18.1 An annual subscription per member (excepting Life and Honorary members) shall be charged. The amount of such subscription shall be fixed at the AGM and be payable by 1<sup>st</sup> October of that same year. It shall be used for whatever purpose the Executive Committee shall deem fit.
- 18.2 Any member who has not paid his or her subscription by 1<sup>st</sup> October following the AGM shall not be appointed to officiate at any match until such subscription has been received.
- 18.3 Each year the ACUSA and the ACA shall execute a memorandum of Agreement covering the financial operations of the ACUSA for the coming season.

## 19. Affiliation

- 19.1 Any Cricket Umpires Association or Cricket Scorers Association in the Auckland province may be granted affiliation upon written application, providing such application is approved by their controlling Cricket Association and by the ACA.

## 20. Alteration to Rules

- 20.1 These rules shall not be repealed or altered, nor shall any new rules be adopted, without the consent of not less than 75% of financial members and approved by the ACA and unless the Secretary or Secretary-Treasurer shall have given 7 days' notice by circular to each member of the ACUSA of such proposed repeal, alteration or adoption. For the purposes of voting on alteration to the rules, proxy votes from absent members will be allowed.

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